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# News Release

## **ICE DEPORTS LIBERIAN WHO MADE THREATS AGAINST U.S.**

*Criminal alien plans to target American tourists for rape, murder as airport taxi driver*

CHICAGO— A 44-year-old Liberian national with a history of making threats against Americans, including statements that he planned to work as an airport taxi driver in Liberia so he could pick up American customers and “commit murder and rape upon these people while the children watched,” was deported Tuesday evening by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

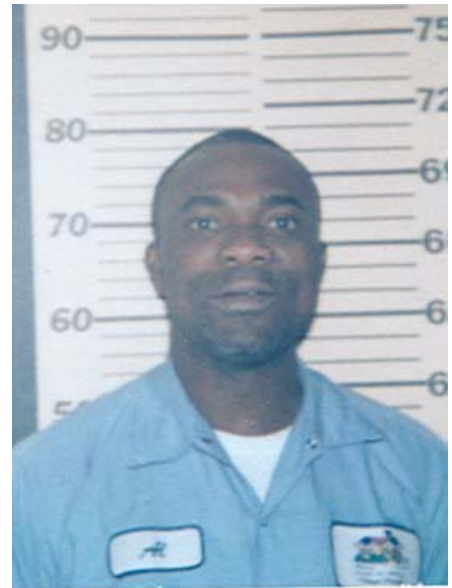
Alfred "Al" Friday Johnson, 45, made the threats while in federal custody awaiting deportation in 1993.

He was previously deported from the U.S. in 1994 for a drug conviction by the now-defunct Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In conversations with a deportation officer, Johnson stated that, if deported, he would “use cans of gasoline on a rainy, moonless night to effect extensive damage to the American embassy in Monrovia.” He also said he would train and return deportees to the U.S. to commit acts of terrorism, and that U.S. immigration judges would “die with the others when he came back.” He then related his plan to become an airport taxi driver and pick up American tourists so that he could rape and kill them in front of their children.

In 2000, Johnson again entered the U.S. on a tourist visa by concealing his identity and subsequently applied for asylum. On Nov. 17, 2003 a federal immigration judge denied Johnson’s asylum claim and ordered his removal from the U.S.

While an appeal was pending on his case, fingerprint records led ICE attorneys to Johnson’s prior deportation records and true identity. After reviewing the threats made by Johnson in 1993, ICE



officers promptly arrested him Jan. 17, 2004 at his Madison, Wis. residence. During the 3-hour ride back to Chicago, Johnson continued to make threats that he would exact revenge upon U.S. citizens. He also stated that the Department of Homeland Security “should only be arresting Muslims and Arabs.”

Johnson was held in federal custody until Tuesday when he was deported to Liberia under the escort of three government officials.

“The Department of Homeland Security and ICE were created because individuals like Johnson were able to exploit vulnerabilities in our nation's immigration system,” said ICE Field Office Director Debbie Achim, who leads detention and removal operations for Chicago. “This is a textbook example of why ICE will continue to pursue and deport fugitives, criminal aliens, and immigration law violators. Every gap must be closed.”

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